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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF 29TH SESSION OF GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES, WHICH COMPLETED ITS WORK NOV. 13-14.

2. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. US MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES REFTEL (A) ON POSTPONEMENT TRADE BILL. JAPAN, CANADA URGED MOMENTUM TOKYO DECLARATION NOT BE LOST. EC DID NOT COMMENT. VERY FEW OTHER REPS COMMENTED PUBLICLY (E. G. INDIA LAMENTED LOSS OF MOMENTUM AND CHARGED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PREOCCUPIED WITH OWN PRIVATE FIGHTS AND THUS LDCS DECIED "EVEN EXCITEMENT OF BEING SPECTATORS"; NIGERIA APPEALED TO THOSE WHO INITIATED MTN NOT TO PUT OUT THE LIGHT). IN CORRIDORS AND SOCIAL SETTINGS, HOWEVER, THERE WAS INTENSIVE INTEREST IN PROBING US CONCERNING IMPLICATIONS FOR MTN WORK. WE UNDERSTAND DG UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NZ, AND OTHERS TO "DO SOMETHING" TO FIND WAY OUT OF CURRENT IMPASSE.

3. REPORTS OF CONCIL, CTD, AND G-3 ADOPTED WITH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS INTERVENING ON TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ORDER RECORD THEIR POSITIONS ONCE AGAIN. MORE IMPORTANT INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE:

(A) ART. XXIV:5(A) AND :6. US MADE STATEMENT REFTEL (D), CANADA SUPPORTED. EC RESPONDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS NOT CONCLUDED BECAUSE SOME COUNTRIES SUBMITTED CLAIMS "RATHER LATE," BECAUSE THIS IS COMPLEX MATTER, AND BECAUSE "SOME COUNTRIES" WISH GO BEYOND GATT RULES AND OBTAIN CONCESSION BECAUSE OF ELIMINATION BARRIERS AMONG EC OF NINE. JAPAN URGED SPEEDY DISPATCH 24:6 ISSUE SO WG COULD MORE EASILY CONCLUDE 24:5(A) QUESTION.

(B) ANTIDUMPING. EC STATE US ANTIDUMPONG PRACTICES NOT IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH GAT CODE AND REFERRED TO US ADMINISTRATION OF REGULATIONS AS NON-TARIFF BARRIER. US REP (MILLER) REPLIED THAT US BELIEVES ADMINISTRATION REGU-LATIONS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH CODE, THAT US HAD GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ALL US ACTIONS CHARGED BY EC AS INCONSISTENT, AND THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN US ADMINISTRATION ANTISUMPING PROVISIONS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (HUSLID) MADE HELPFUL STATEMENT THAT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION LED TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POSITIONS TAKEN ON ALL SIDES. SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND SUGGESTED ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE SHOULD GO BEYOND MER DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL

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MEMBERS AND "REACH CONCLUSIONS AS A COMMITTEE" ON INTERPRETATION OF CODE.

(C) DISC. CANADA REPEATED OBJECTIONS TO DISC, AND ASKED APPORTUNITY MAKE DETAILE STATEMENT AT PANEL.

(D) INDONESIA WAIVER. US MADE STATEMENT REFTEL (B). WAIVER PUT TO VOTE AND APPROVED BY 51 VOTES FOR.

(E) NEW ZEALAND HULA SKIRTS AND SPEARS. US MADE STATEMENT REFTEL (C). BRAZIL OPPOSED WAIVER. WAIVER PUT TO VOTE AND APPROVED BY 51 FOR, TWO AGAINST.

4. 25TH ANNIVERSARY GATT. AFTER LENGTHY ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN PATEL REVIEWING GATT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROBLEM TO BE FACED IN MTN, US MADE GENERAL STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING GATT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BUT STRESSING NEED FOR GREATER PROGRESS ON AGRICULTURE, AND IMPORTANCE MTN. CANADA, JAPAN URGED CLOSER CONFORMITY TO RULES. LDCS ASKED GREATER BENEFITS IN FUTURE. EC SAID TREND TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION NOW CHARACTERIZES GATT ACTIVITIES; AGRICULTURE DESERVES SPECIAL TREATMENT.

5. NEW OFFICERS. CP CHAIRMAN -KITAHARA (JAPAN); CP VICE-CHAIRMEN -ENGONE (GABON), BARTON (CANADA), ALZAMORA (PERU); COUNCIL CHAIRMAN -LAI (MALAYSIA); CTD CHAIRMAN - INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS FOR SOME DAYS PRIOR TO AND DURING SESSION SINCE AFRICAN GROUP SOUGHT CHAIRMANSHIP OF CPS FOR IVORY COAST BUT WERE PREVAILED UPON TO WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF KITAHARA.

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